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The care and labor incident to the reception of these additions have been great, and though the Conservator has received most essential assistance from Messrs. Parker, Burk, Meehan and Scribner, he has had little time left to devote to the improvement of the condition of the herbarium. Yet something has been done in this way. Provisional lists of species in the general herbarium have been completed nearly to the end of the polypetalous orders. In the North American Herbarium, the orders Ranunculaceæ, Saxifragaceæ, and a few smaller orders have been mounted by the aid of Mr. Parker, who has also contributed liberally to the filling of gaps in these orders, for this purpose placing his own collection entirely at the disposal of the Conservator.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. REDFIELD,
Conservator.

REPORT OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Director of the Mineralogical and Geological Section would respectfully report :—

Meetings of the Section have been held regularly through the year, with a fair attendance, but the papers read have not been as numerous as in former years. The additions to the Collection have been satisfactory.

On the evening of October 15th, by request of the members of the Microscopical and Biological Section, our Section met with them, the subject under consideration being Microscopic Mineralogy. By the courtesy of the former Section a large number of microscopes, many of them very fine instruments, were exhibited, and by means of them specimens of minerals and rocks were examined. This was the first joint meeting of Sections since the passage of the amendment to the By-laws removing the prohibition against it, and its success was beyond question.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. D. RAND,
Director.